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**This business
cooperates with local,
state and federal law
enforcement to
combat
the
storage
and
distribution
of illicit
drugs.**

Participating Agencies

The Sheriffs' offices
of Christian, Mason,
Morgan and
Sangamon Counties;
the Police Depart-
ments of Auburn,
Havanna, Jackson-
ville, Jerome, Leland
Grove, Lincoln, Pana,
Rochester, Spring-
field, and Taylorville,
Federal Bureau of
Investigation and the
Illinois State Police.

Hotel / Motel

Right to privacy: A person or persons has a reasonable expectation to privacy when lawfully renting a hotel/motel room. An individual who is current in the rent or by paying past due rent can legally maintain control of the room and has a reasonable expectation to privacy as provided by the Fourth Amendment.

Motel/Hotel management and employees cannot enter a room for the purpose of obtaining evidence for police officers. Items, **narcotics, cannabis or drug paraphernalia**, observed when the hotel/motel employee is engaged in normal and routine duties can and should be noted and information of the type and estimated quantity should be provided to the local police agency.

INDICATORS

The following is a list of possible indicators of drug trafficking:

1. The renter is a local area resident;
2. A large volume of visitors staying for a short time;
3. Numerous phone calls of a short duration;
4. A request of no maid service;
5. Unusual items in the trash, baking soda, plastic bags, dryer sheets or any item used to mask odors;
6. Drug paraphernalia, liquor bottles converted to smoking devices, Chore Boy pot scrubbers, glass tubes/pipes etc.;
7. Strong odors of burnt cannabis, cocaine or of green cannabis;
8. Strong odors of masking agents, air fresheners, carpet deodorizers, etc;
9. Obvious street gang affiliations;
10. Large sums of cash or using obvious false names or identification.

The safety of the hotel/motel staff and guests is of the utmost importance. No action should be taken, such as the staff confronting the person or persons suspected of illegal activities. The hotel/motel staff should contact the local law enforcement or liaison from the drug task force to provide pertinent information.

Car / Truck Rentals

In an effort to protect their own property and elude police detection, drug traffickers routinely use rental vehicles to transport and store narcotics, cannabis and currency.

The following is a list of possible indicators of drug trafficking:

1. Third party rental;
2. The renter is a local area resident;
3. Payment is made in cash in lieu of credit cards;
4. High mileage on short duration rentals;
5. Strong odors of burnt cannabis, cocaine, green cannabis, or chemical odors;
6. Strong odors of masking agents, air fresheners, carpet deodorizers, etc;
7. Obvious street gang affiliations;
8. While cleaning the vehicles on return, unusual items are located; baking soda, plastic bags, dryer sheets or any item used to mask odors. Drug paraphernalia, liquor bottles converted to smoking devices, Chore Boy pot scrubbers, glass tubes/pipes, etc.

Cooperation between the businesses and law enforcement can make a difference. If you believe one of your vehicles have been utilized in illicit drug trafficking, contact your local law enforcement or liaison from the drug task force to provide pertinent information and arrange a canine search of the vehicle.

Rental Storage Warehouses

In an effort to protect their own property and elude police detection, drug traffickers routinely use rental storage facilities to store narcotics, cannabis and currency.

The following is a list of possible indicators of drug trafficking:

1. Third party rental;
2. The renter is a local area resident;
3. Payment is made in cash in lieu of credit cards, and paid in person rather than billing by mail;
4. Strong odors of cannabis or chemical odors;
5. Strong odors of masking agents, air fresheners, carpet deodorizers, etc.;
6. Obvious street gang affiliations;
7. While cleaning the facility on release of the property, unusual items are located, baking soda, plastic bags, dryer sheets or any item used to mask odors. Drug paraphernalia, liquor bottles converted to smoking devices, Chore Boy pot scrubbers, glass tubes/pipes, etc.;
8. False home addresses provided or obvious alias names used to rent the facility.

The preceding is only a short list of indicators. Employees and management should rely on common sense and experience to look for any and all indicators of possible illegal activities.

Cooperation between the businesses and law enforcement can make a difference. If you believe your facility is or has been utilized in illicit drug trafficking, contact your local law enforcement or liaison from the drug task force to provide pertinent information and arrange a canine search of the facility.

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